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General Regulations

These regulations apply to all legally described black bear hunting districts.

Licenses — The following licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife and Parks offices and most license agents throughout the state.

Conservation License (Prerequisite) . . . . .$4.00 Res. & $5.00 Non-Res.
Resident Black Bear License . . . . . .$ 11.00
Nonresident Black Bear License $120.00

Baiting — It is illegal to bait bears or to hunt bears with dogs.

Clothing Color — During the "gun" season, any person hunting or accompanying a sportsperson as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times.

Evidence of Sex — A sportsperson harvesting a black bear must leave evidence of sex naturally intact on the hide, and if required by the department, must physically go back to the kill site for inspection.

Game Limit — A sportsperson may legally harvest one black bear per license year. Female bears with young and individual cubs may not be harvested.

Grizzly Bear — Any accidental taking of a grizzly bear shall be reported within five (5) days of occurrence, to the Director, Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks, 1420 East Sixth Avenue, Helena, MT 59620 and to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Division of Law Enforcement, P.O. Box 25486, DFC, Denver, CO 80225.

Hunter Education — Both resident and nonresident youths 12-17 years of age must provide a Certificate of Competency in the safe handling of firearms before they may purchase a hunting license.

Bowhunters — 12-17 years of age are required, in addition to firearm safety, to provide a Certificate of Competency in the safe handling of bow hunting tackle from the National Bowhunter Education Program.

All adult (18 years of age or older) first-time bowhunters must show proof of an NBEF Bowhunter Education Certificate to purchase a Bow and Arrow license **OR present** any prior years' bow and arrow license, stamp, tag, or permit from any state or province.

Hunting Hours — Hunting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset. See official sunrise-sunset table in the 1993 Big Game Hunting Regulations.

Landowner Permission — A sportsperson pursuing black bear must secure permission from the landowner, lessee or their agent before hunting on private property, even if the land is not posted.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements — Within ten (10) days of harvesting a black bear, the successful sportsperson must present to an official of the department within the administrative region where the kill was made, the bear skull for purposes of removal of a tooth for aging. See Exceptions listed under the 500 series districts.

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GENERAL RANGE OF GRIZZLIES IN MONTANA

NOTICE OF BLACK BEAR CLOSURE
Portion of Hunting District 141

By order of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, the following described area in Flathead County shall be closed to all hunting of black bear.

Beginning at the Java railroad trestle crossing U.S. Highway 2 at the Glacier National Park entrance, thence easterly along U.S. Highway 2 to U.S. Forest Service trail number 155 (Big River trail), thence southerly along said trail to trail number 489 (Edna Creek - Tranquil Basin trail), thence easterly along said trail to the divide between Spruce Creek and Tranquil Basin, thence easterly along said divide and continuing easterly along the divide between Devil, Moose, Goat, and Lynx creeks to a point above Geifer Lake, thence northerly along the divide between Devil Creek and Grizzly Creek to U.S. Highway 2 at the Geifer Creek bridge, thence northeasterly along said highway to the Fielding Road, thence northerly along said road to the Glacier National Park boundary, thence southwesterly along said boundary to the point of beginning.

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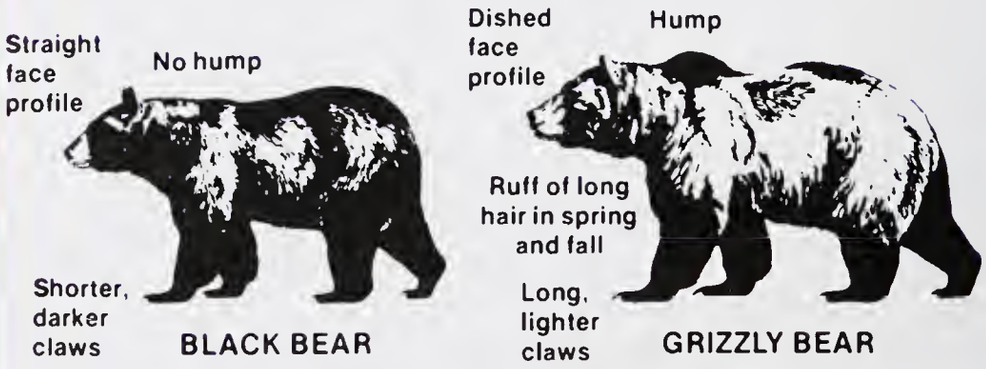

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General Regulations — (Continued)

Sale of Game Parts — It is unlawful to sell or purchase any part of a black bear except as specifically permitted by the laws of Montana. The sale or purchase of hides, heads or mounts of lawfully killed black bear is not prohibited. The penalty for the unlawful sale may be subject to a fine of $10,000 or imprisonment in the state prison for a term of 1 year or both.

Tagging — Immediately after harvesting a black bear, a sportsperson must cut out the proper month and the day of the harvest from the appropriate license/tag and attach to the animal in a secure and visible manner. If more than one date is cut out, the license is invalid. The properly validated license shall remain attached to the hide until tanned.

Trichinella Testing — This testing is optional and free-of-charge. Send one-third of the tongue or equal size muscle tissue to: Dr. David E. Worley, Veterinary Research Lab, MSU, Bozeman, MT 59715.

Black Bear — General Season

- All black bear licenses are valid for the specified districts and seasons as listed below.
- All districts listed below shall be open to hunting of black bear of either sex.
- The following areas are closed to black bear hunting:
  1) All State Game Preserves,
  2) All hunting districts beginning with the number 6 and 7,
  3) All National Wildlife Refuges,
  4) Gallatin Closed Area (boundary description on page 8 of the Big Game Legal Descriptions), and
  5) Hunting privileges on Indian Reservations are limited to tribal members only.

EXCEPTION TO GENERAL SEASON:

1) All Wildlife Management Areas in administrative regions 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are closed to public entry from the day following the end of general deer/elk/bear season, or December 1, whichever is later to May 15 each year.

100 SERIES DISTRICTS—General Season—NO QUOTAS		
	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	
Exceptions:		
100, 101, 103, 104, 121, 122 123 & 124	Apr. 15 - May 15 Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	
Hunting district 141 - Snowslip Corn Spill Area closed to all hunting of black bear. See legal description.		
200 SERIES DISTRICTS—General Season—NO QUOTAS		
	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	
Exceptions:		
284	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	ARCHERY ONLY ARCHERY ONLY
300 SERIES DISTRICTS—General Season—NO QUOTAS		
	Apr. 15 - June 15 Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	
Exceptions for hunting district(s)		
310	Gallatin Closed Area portion—buffer zone adjacent to Yellowstone National Park - closed to all hunting of black bear	
313	Deckard Flats—Eagle Creek portion of hunting district 313 as posted, subject to closure of all hunting on 24-hours notice.	

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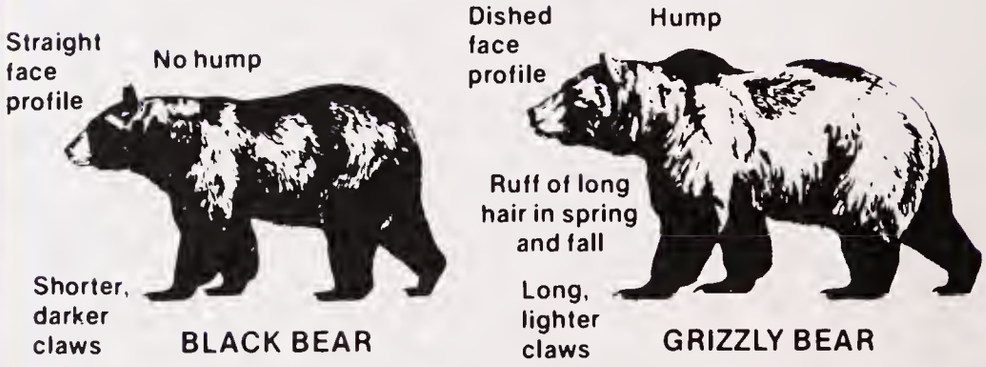

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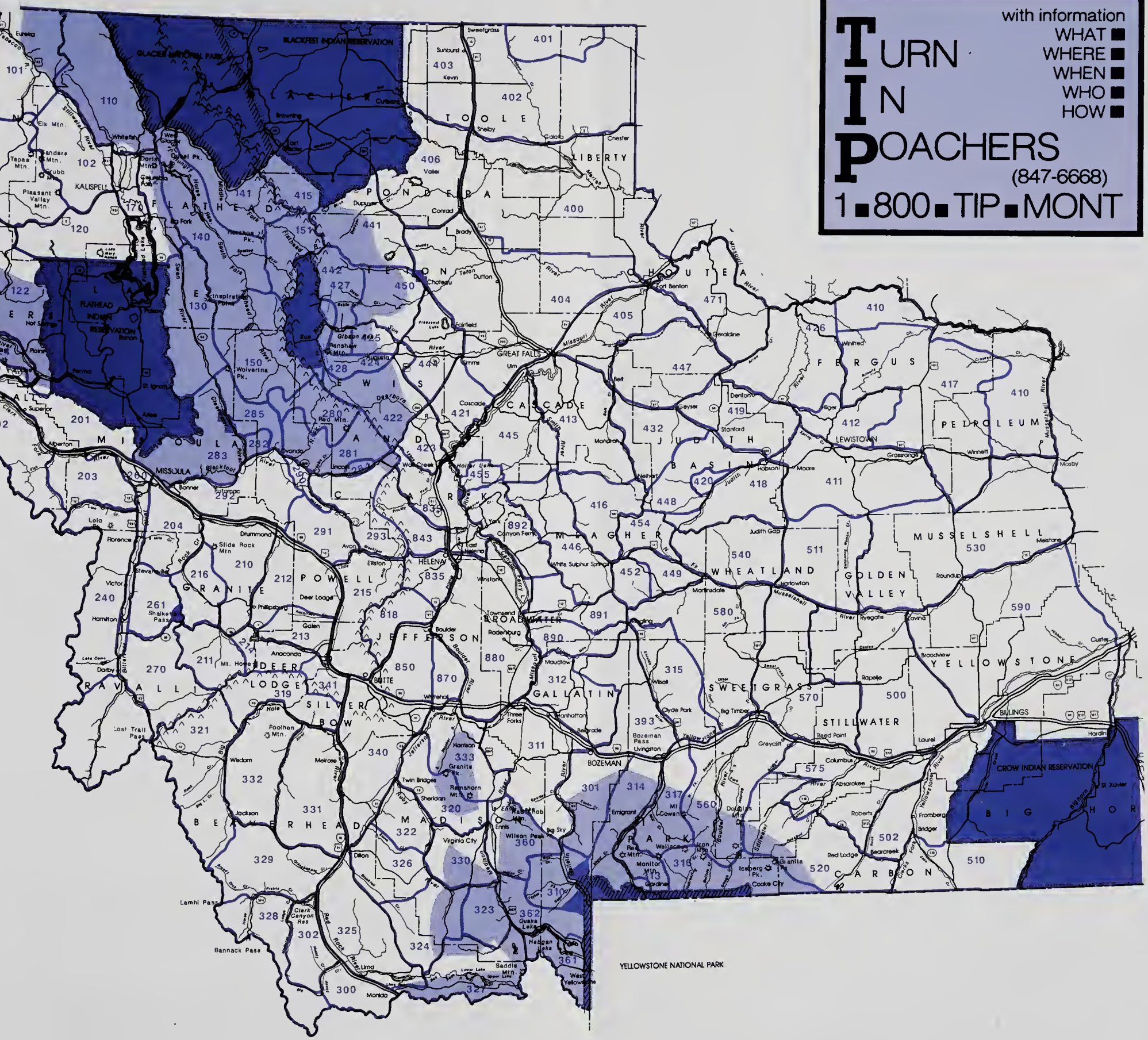

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General Season — (Continued)

400 SERIES DISTRICTS—General Season—NO QUOTAS

April 15 - May 31 Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	Those 400 series districts or portions of districts lying west of Interstate Highway 15.
April 15 - June 15 Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	Those 400 series districts or portions of districts lying east of Interstate Highway 15.

500 SERIES DISTRICTS—General Season

SPRING SEASON:

HUNTING DISTRICTS (OR GROUPS)	HUNTING SEASONS	BEAR HARVEST QUOTAS	
		TOTAL	FEMALE SUB-QUOTA
500, 511, 530 & 590	April 15 - May 31	9	3
502, 520, 560 & 575	April 15 - May 31	20	6
520	The newly acquired Point of Rocks Wildlife Management Area (near Red Lodge) as posted, shall be closed December 1 to May 31 each year.		
510	April 15 - May 31	9	3
540	April 15 - June 15	NO QUOTA	
570 & 580	April 15 - May 31	12	4

FALL SEASON:

All hunting districts in the 500 series.	Oct. 24 - Nov. 28	NO QUOTA	

Exceptions:

540	Sept. 4 - Nov. 28	NO QUOTA	
560	Sept. 4 - Oct. 23	5	NO QUOTA

That portion of hunting district 560 between main Boulder River and Lower Deer Creek outside National Forest Boundary only. All of 560 remains open Oct. 24-Nov. 28.

When the quota or sub-quota is reached in the hunting district(s) or groups, the black bear season for that area will close upon 48 hour notice, but no later than last date of season shown in the regulations.

Any person taking a black bear in the spring in the 500 series districts except hunting district 540 and in the fall in the quota portion of 560, must personally report their black bear kill within 48 hour to an officer of the department in administrative Region 5 and must personally present the hide and skull within 10 days to an officer of the department residing in administrative Region 5 for purposes of inspection, recording sex and removing a tooth for aging. The hide and head must be retained even though damaged.

800 SERIES DISTRICTS—General Seasons—NO QUOTAS

Apr. 15 - June 15
Sept. 4 - Nov. 28

There is no special ARCHERY ONLY season for black bear

By order of the Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission, the seasons, limits and regulations listed herein shall govern the 1993 black bear hunting seasons. These regulations are valid March 1, 1993, through February 28, 1994 and were adopted by the Fish, Wildlife and Parks Commission on February 7, 1992; K.L. Cool, Secretary.

Montana Department of Fish, Wildlife & Parks